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SUBJ: DEFINITION OF AGGRESSION COMMITTEE: SELF- DETERMINATION

1. IN MEETINGS MAY 10-11, CONTACT GROUP II TOOK UP
SUBJECT OF SELF- DETERMINATION, INCLUDING SUDANESE
PROPOSAL. CHAIRMAN AT OUR URGING SUGGESTED SUDANESE
PROPOSAL NOT REALLY APPROPRIATE IN LIST OF ACTS (SINCE
LIST LIMITED TO USE OF FORCE BY AND AGAINST STATES); HE
SUGGESTED PROPOSAL MIGHT BE REFORMULATED AND, IF ACCEPTABLE,
INCLUDED IN SEPARATE SECTION ON SELF- DETERMINATION. NON-
ALIGNED AMENABLE TO PROPOSED REFORMULATION, BUT INSISTED
THAT DEFINITION MUST " GO BEYOND" SAVINGS CLAUSE LANGUAGE
IN 13- POWER DRAFT (A/8719, P. 17, ALTERNATIVE 1).

2. SIX- POWER REPS (US, UK, AUSTRALIA) REJECTED
SUDANESE PROPOSAL IRRESPECTIVE OF ITS LOCATION IN TEXT,
BUT AGREED A SEPARATE SECTION ON SELF- DETERMINATION
PREFERABLE TO INCLUSION THIS SUBJECT IN LIST OF ACTS. WE
INDICATED GENERAL WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SAVINGS- CLAUSE
LANGUAGE ALONG LINES OF ORIGINAL 13- POWER PROPOSAL.

3. SYRIAN REP ARGUED STRONGLY FOR SYRIAN LANGUAGE SUB-
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MITTED LAST YEAR (A/8719, P. 19, " PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE 3"), ARGUING THAT THIS POINT (I. E., LEGITIMACY OF USE OF FORCE TO GAIN SELF- DETERMINATION) MUST BE INCLUDED IN ADDITION TO SUDANESE POINT (I. E., ILLEGITIMACY OF USE OF FORCE TO PREVENT SELF- DETERMINATION) AND SAVINGS LANGUAGE. HE ALSO AMENDED SYRIAN PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO " OPPRESSED" AS WELL AS " DEPENDENT" PEOPLES. SYRIAN RECEIVED LITTLE SUPPORT FROM OTHER NON- ALIGNED DELS, AND CYPRIOT REP SPECIFICALLY REJECTED REFERENCE TO " OPPRESSED" PEOPLES AS " OPENING A PANDORS' S BOX."

4. COMMENT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM GHANAIAI REP THAT " SUDANESE PROPOSAL" ACTUALLY DECIDED UPON IN OAU FRAME- WORK, AND SUDAN SIMPLY AGREED TO TABLE IT. WE BELIEVE GHANAIAI AND OTHER AFRICANS CLEARLY RECOGNIZE THIS PROPOSAL NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, LIKELY TO INSIST ON SOME LANGUAGE ON SELF- DETERMI- NATION GOING BEYOND MERE SAVINGS CLAUSE OF TYPE CONTAINED IN ALTERNATIVES 1 AND 2 OF LAST YEAR' S REPORT. IN SIX- POWER MEETING 11 MAY, WE AGREED A REFERENCE TO RELEVANT PORTION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS DECLARATION MIGHT SATISFY NON- ALIGNED AND BE ACCEPTABLE TO US. HOWEVER, WE HAVE TAKEN POSITION IN CONTACT GROUP THAT LANGUAGE FROM FRD ON THISP POINT SHOULD NOT BE LIFTED OUT OF CONTEXT, AND PLAN TO CONTINUE TAKE THIS STANCE UNTIL WE SEE SIGNIFI- CANT MOVEMENT FROM NON- ALIGNED ON REFERENCE TO INDIRECT USES OF FORCE.

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